AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (**Currently Amended**) A text generation method for generating ~~a~~ an entire natural sentence from parts of the sentence that do not constitute an entire sentence, comprising:

an input step using input means for inputting only parts of the sentence that do not constitute an entire sentence, wherein the entire natural sentence is characteristic of a style or an expression,

~~an~~ a subsequent extracting step using extracting means for extracting candidate sentence parts or phrases, which ~~includes~~include an inputted part of the sentence, from a database , and

a subsequent text generation step using text generation means for ~~generating the natural sentence based on the inputted parts of the sentence and~~ combining the extracted candidate sentence parts or phrases into an entire sentence ~~by combining the extracted candidate sentence parts or phrases~~, and

using ~~wherein~~parser means to morphologically ~~analyzes and parses~~analyze and parse the entire sentence created in the immediately preceding text generation step~~extracted at least one sentence part or phrase~~ to obtain a syntactic structure ~~of the at least one candidate sentence part or phrase by~~ thereof by determining the syntactic probability of the appropriateness of the order of ~~candidate~~ the sentence parts or phrases by applying a statistical technique using a syntactic model, thereby generating a sentence having a maximum probability of being ~~a~~an entire natural sentence which is characteristic of the style or expression.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (**Currently Amended**) The text generation method according to claim 1, wherein the text generation means generates the ~~natural~~ sentence having a maximum probability of being a natural sentence which is characteristic of the style or expression to have a natural word order based on a word order model.

5. (**Currently Amended**) The text generation method according to claim 1, ~~wherein the text generation step determines~~ further comprises determining by word insertion means, using a learning model, whether there is a word to be inserted between any two keywords in all arrangements of the keywords, and performs a word insertion process starting with a word having the highest probability in the learning model, wherein the word insertion means performs the word insertion process by including, as a keyword, a word to be inserted, between the two keywords, and determining whether there is a word to be inserted between the other two keywords in all arrangements of the keywords, and by repeating the cycle of word inclusion and determination until a probability that there is no word to be inserted between any keywords becomes the highest.

6. (Previously Presented) The text generation method according to claim 1, wherein in an arrangement where the database contains a text having a characteristic text pattern, the text generation means generates a text in compliance with the characteristic text pattern.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A text generation apparatus for generating a~~a~~ an entire natural sentence, comprising:

input means for inputting only parts of the sentence that do not constitute an entire sentence wherein the natural sentence is characteristic of a style or expression,

extracting means for extracting a candidate sentence ~~parts~~text or ~~phrases~~phrase, which includes an inputted part of the sentence, from a database, and

text generation means for subsequently ~~generating an optimum natural sentence based on the inputted parts of the sentence and the extracted candidate sentence parts or phrases by~~ combining the extracted candidate sentence parts or phrases into an entire sentence,

wherein parser means morphologically ~~analyzes and parses~~analyzes and parses the ~~at least one candidate~~ entire sentence created by the text generation means ~~part or phrase~~ to obtain a syntactic probability of the appropriateness of the order of ~~candidate~~ the sentence ~~parts or phrases by determining the syntactic probability of the at least one candidate sentence part or phrase~~ by applying a statistical technique using a syntactic model, thereby generating a sentence having a maximum probability of bring a~~a~~ an entire natural sentence which is characteristic of the style or expression .

8-9. (Cancelled)

10. **(Currently Amended)** The text generation apparatus according to claim 7, wherein ~~i~~ the text generation means generates the ~~natural~~sentence having a maximum probability of being

a natural sentence which is characteristic of the style or expression to have a natural word order

based on a word order model.

11. (Previously Presented) The text generation apparatus according to claim 7, wherein

the text generation means comprises word insertion means that determines, using a learning

model, whether there is a word to be inserted between any two keywords in all arrangements of

the keywords, and performs a word insertion process starting with a word having the highest

probability in the learning model, wherein the word insertion means performs the word insertion

process by including, as a keyword, a word to be inserted, between the two keywords, and

determining whether there is a word to be inserted between the other two keywords in all

arrangements of the keywords, and by repeating the cycle of word inclusion and determination

until a probability that there is no word to be inserted between any keywords becomes the

highest.

12. (Previously Presented) The text generation apparatus according to claim 7, wherein

in an arrangement where the database contains a text having a characteristic text pattern, the text

generation means generates a text in compliance with the characteristic text pattern.

13. (Previously Presented) The text generation apparatus according to claim 12, further

comprising pattern selecting means that contains one or a plurality of databases containing texts

having a plurality of characteristic text patterns, and selects a desired text pattern from the

plurality of text patterns.

14. (Previously Presented) The text generation method according to claim 4, wherein the text generation means generates the natural sentence to have the natural word order based on the word order model by applying the statistical technique.

15. (Previously Presented) The text generation apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the text generation means generates the natural sentence to have the natural word order based on the word order model by applying the statistical technique.